

AUDITOR'S OFFICE NEEDS MORE HELP

Additional Work Required
of the Bureau.

LIMIT OF ITS EFFICIENCY

Views of Alonzo Tweedale on the
Necessity for More Clerks
Next Year.

John T. Garrison, the District Auditor, and all the employees of the Auditing Office are at present the most anxious people in the District Building. They claim, and prove by convincing statements, that their force of twelve men and one messenger will be utterly inadequate to do the work of the office, unless Congress gives them help. The House has already refused their request for more men, and their last hope is now in the action of the Senate.

This desire for more clerks is not based on a matter of mere personal convenience, but arises from the conviction that the present office force will be unable to do the work of the coming fiscal year. As has been explained in The Times, the present District appropriation bill obliges the Auditor to handle \$1,000,000 more than he has ever done before in one year.

Constantly Overworked.

As things stand now, the Auditor and his clerks are constantly overworked. Alonzo Tweedale, who has been Acting Auditor in Mr. Garrison's absence, said today:

"It has at last become a serious matter with us. We are confronted with the fact that we will not be able to do our work when the pending appropriation bill goes into effect. Right now, the office is in a continual scramble and bustle to get the work done. Often we have to leave alone an entire branch of work, while something more pressing takes up our attention."

"We must have more men, or the work will suffer. It is required by law, don't think there's a lazy man in the office. Put on our shoulders an additional \$1,000,000, and the consequences might be disastrous. Our powers of endurance are not supernatural, and the twelve men in this office have reached the limit of their efficiency."

"If the funds of the District are to be properly handled during the coming year, we must have more clerks."

SUNDAY TIMES WILL HAVE FIVE COUPONS

Dual Offer to Send Persons to St. Louis
Exposition Attracts Wide Attention Among All Classes.

All contestants for The Times' free trips to the St. Louis Exposition should remember that tomorrow's Times will contain five coupons for both contests, which will be the case every Sunday until the contests close.

The Times' offer to send three people who are, and three others who are not, employed by either the District or National Government to St. Louis for one week, has attracted wide attention, and the coupons are being eagerly sought by those who are anxious to take advantage of the offer.

Some complaint is made that newsboys are cutting out coupons before selling the papers on the streets. All persons, therefore, should examine the paper before buying it, and refuse to take any from which the coupons have been cut.

EMERGENCY HOSPITAL PHYSICIAN REPRIMANDED

Because he violated a rule of the Emergency Hospital in keeping a patient suffering from concussion of the brain in the emergency room overnight, it was decided by the executive committee of the board of managers of the hospital to reprimand the physician who had charge of the Henry T. Offutt case, and to withhold from him the certificate of commendation which is sometimes given to physicians serving at the hospital.

THE UNIVERSITY CLUB AT RAUSCHER'S TONIGHT

There will be a large mass meeting of the members of the University Club tonight at Raucher's, corner Connecticut Avenue and L Street. The reception will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Short addresses will commence at 8:30. The report of the committee on location of the club, and college songs by the glee club will be followed by a buffet lunch.

RUNAWAY IN CEMETERY.

A team of horses attached to a hearse driven by James Price and owned by the Burdett Stables took fright in Glenwood Cemetery yesterday afternoon and ran away. After dashing down a driveway for a few hundred yards they were stopped and returned to the driver.

MRS. RAYMOND'S FUNERAL.

Funeral services over the body of Willie Yeatman Raymond, wife of Dr. William A. Raymond, were held Thursday afternoon at the family residence, 1729 F Street. The Rev. Alfred Harding, of St. Paul's Church, officiated. The burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

MRS. HANCOCK DIVORCED.

Lulu S. Hancock has been divorced from William B. Hancock, on the ground of desertion and abandonment. The decree is signed by Justice Gould.

RUSSIAN ARTILLERY WITH COSSACK ESCORT



Passing through a village in the Yalu River district on the way to the Korean-Manchurian frontier, where Japs and Russians are massing troops.

Russian Troops Evacuate Wiju; Chief Event in Day's News

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torpedo boat destroyer Vlastin discharged a Whitehead torpedo and sank one of the enemy's torpedo boats. On the way back the torpedo boat destroyer Stereguschti, commanded by Lieutenant Sergueeff, sustained damage; her engine was disabled and she began to founder. By 8 o'clock in the morning five of our torpedo boat destroyers had returned.

"When the critical position of the Stereguschti became evident I hoisted my flag on the cruiser Novik and went with the Novik and the cruiser Boyarin to the rescue. But as five of the enemy's cruisers surrounded our destroyer and as their battleship squadron was approaching, I did not succeed in saving the Stereguschti, which foundered. Part of the crew were made prisoners and part were drowned.

"On the ships which participated in the night attack one officer was seriously wounded and three others were slightly wounded, two soldiers were killed and eighteen were wounded.

"At 9 o'clock fourteen of the enemy's ships assembled before Port Arthur and a bombardment was begun with the

heavy guns of their battleship squadron at long range.

"This lasted until 11 o'clock in the afternoon. It is estimated that the enemy fired 154 12-inch shells. The damage to our vessels was insignificant, and they are again ready for battle. Our losses were one officer slightly wounded and one soldier killed and four soldiers wounded.

"The illumination of the sea at night by the searchlights mounted at our batteries was most satisfactory, and several times isolated shots from our batteries forced the enemy's torpedo boats to retire.

"With the commencement of the bombardment at dawn the guns of the fortress replied to the enemy's fire. The crews of all the ships engaged gave proof of remarkable coolness in action. Below decks the work of the day followed its ordinary course. In spite of the shells falling between the vessels and covering them with fragments.

"A bombardment at such a distance must be considered ineffective, but the Japanese cruiser Takasago is reported to have been seen to suffer serious damage, the extent of which, however, it is impossible to ascertain at a distance of five miles. Many shells were fired at a range of seven and a half miles.

"I have the honor to report the foregoing to your majesty."

"ALEXIEFF."

JAPANESE FORCES CUT OFF IN KOREA, SAY THE RUSSIANS

ST. PETERSBURG, March 12.—It is reported that the 2,500 Japanese who landed at Pleskin Bay, northern Korea, recently, have been cut off from the body which landed later at Port Lazareff by the Russians who to re-enforce them.

The Japanese who to re-enforce them cut them off occupy both roads by which a junction could have been effected. A dispatch from Mukden says that the following has been issued from Admiral Alexieff's headquarters:

"In consequence of the diverse and conflicting reports of the landing of Japanese at various places and of future intentions of the Japanese com-

manders, our army corps which have arrived at Harbin have been detained there by the field staff. There is some difficulty in providing suitable accommodations for this large force, owing to the severe frosts that have set in."

ADMINISTRATION WILL SUPPORT COMMANDER

Commander Sawyer's protest against the blockading of the entrance to Niuchwang harbor by the Russians while the United States gunboat Helena is in mud dock there, may result in international complications. The British gunboat at Niuchwang is also said to have protested.

The Navy Department has been advised of Commander Sawyer's action, which was made known to members of the Cabinet at yesterday's meeting. Although no official announcement has been made of the fact, it is said the Administration will support the naval officer's protest.

JAPAN TO RAISE FUND BY POPULAR SUBSCRIPTION

A dispatch received at the Japanese legation announces that the raising of a \$250,000,000 war fund in Japan by subscriptions to the government, is assured.

Fifty millions of dollars will be from government exchequer bonds. Subscriptions for \$20,000,000 have already been counted, and others are still to be received, which will make the total figure \$250,000,000.

In view of this unexpectedly large fund, the government, it is thought, will not find it necessary to negotiate an outside loan.

Baron Kausuko and M. Tamahashi, two Japanese financiers, have already arrived at San Francisco, on their way to Washington, and it is now believed the object of their visit is to consult American financiers with regard to Japan's big fund. The Japanese diet will meet on March 15, when the matter of fixing the exchequer bonds will be arranged.

TO SUPERVISE SANITATION.

Major Thomas U. Raymond, surgeon in the United States army, has been ordered to St. Louis to supervise sanitary arrangements on the exposition grounds.

CURFEW RINGS AT 8 IN ITHACA

Cornell Students Forced to
Stay Indoors.

POLICE FORCE QUADRUPLED

Collegians Will Fight "Old Woman's Ordinance" if it Becomes Necessary, They Say.

ITHACA, N. Y., March 12.—The curfew rang out last night in Ithaca for the first time in the history of this college town. The police force was quadrupled to enforce the new ordinance. At 8 o'clock the signal was given and the policemen began to round-up the stragglers and send them home.

The new law applies as well to adults as to children, and students of Cornell University, who are accustomed to enjoy an evening's recreation downtown, are ready to fight the "old woman's ordinance," as they call it, if necessary. The local police force is already unpopular among the students and it is feared that the 8 o'clock curfew will not make the feeling any better.

HUSBAND SOLE BENEFICIARY.

Almira V. Hamma, by her will, offered for probate in Baltimore, makes her husband, Michael W. Hamma, her sole beneficiary.

SPRING TRADE NOT UP TO MARK

Ten to Fifteen Per Cent Be-
hind 1903 Record.

QUIET IN NEW ENGLAND

Industrial Conditions in Middle West
Await Settlement of Coal
Miners' Trouble.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Special telegrams from correspondents of the International Mercantile Agency throughout the United States show that spring trade, now about completed, has fallen 10 or 15 per cent behind the total volume distributed in the first two months of 1903.

The difference is not so great at New York, but business in New England is relatively quiet. At Chicago, merchants find the movement of dry goods, clothing, shoes, and groceries about equal to that of a year ago, but at St. Louis and Louisville there are gains this year over last. Minneapolis and St. Paul explain that the Northwest is very conservative and that business is about 10 per cent less than in March, 1903, while at Philadelphia, the falling off in metals and some other lines is as much as 20 per cent. Pittsburgh has felt a like decline, but says recent large purchases of iron and steel, with inquiries now on hand, point to the long-awaited turn in the tide.

Favorable to Wheat.

Inquiry as to winter wheat shows that east of the Mississippi, except in Ohio, recent weather conditions have been favorable. Moisture has been needed in Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma, and the condition there is not so good. Recent weather conditions have favored retail trade and a revival of the building industry.

Philadelphia and Chicago each report a tendency toward a decrease in industrial wages. High cost of textile raw materials is showing in reduced production, rather than in lower wages. Industrial conditions in the Middle West will not be possible until after the soft coal miners have settled the strike question on Tuesday next. Leading metal and agricultural prices incline higher. The stock market is merely marking time. Money is a drag.

ARGUMENTS SUBMITTED IN MAIL RATE CASES

Argument has been heard in the United States Supreme Court in what are known as the second class matter postage cases. The question involved is the right of certain publishers to send their publications through the mails as second class matter. There are fifty or sixty causes involving this question pending in the District Supreme Court. Several of them have been taken on appeal to the higher courts.

Three of these, the Houghton, Mifflin and Company, Bates and Gould Company, and Street & Smith cases, which involve a construction of the postal law pertaining to second class mail, were argued.

In all these cases the Postmaster General is named as defendant.

NOVEL EXCUSE FAILED TO SAVE PRISONER

Despite the fact that cleanliness is considered next to Godliness, Judge Scott, in the Police Court, imposed a penalty of fifteen days in jail upon Robert Smallwood, who was charged with stealing six cakes of soap, valued at 30 cents, the property of James Rudolph.

Robert admitted that he took the soap, but explained, "Jedge, yo' ain't gwine send me down 'cause I wanted to wash, is yo'?"

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Arbuckle's coffee	15c		
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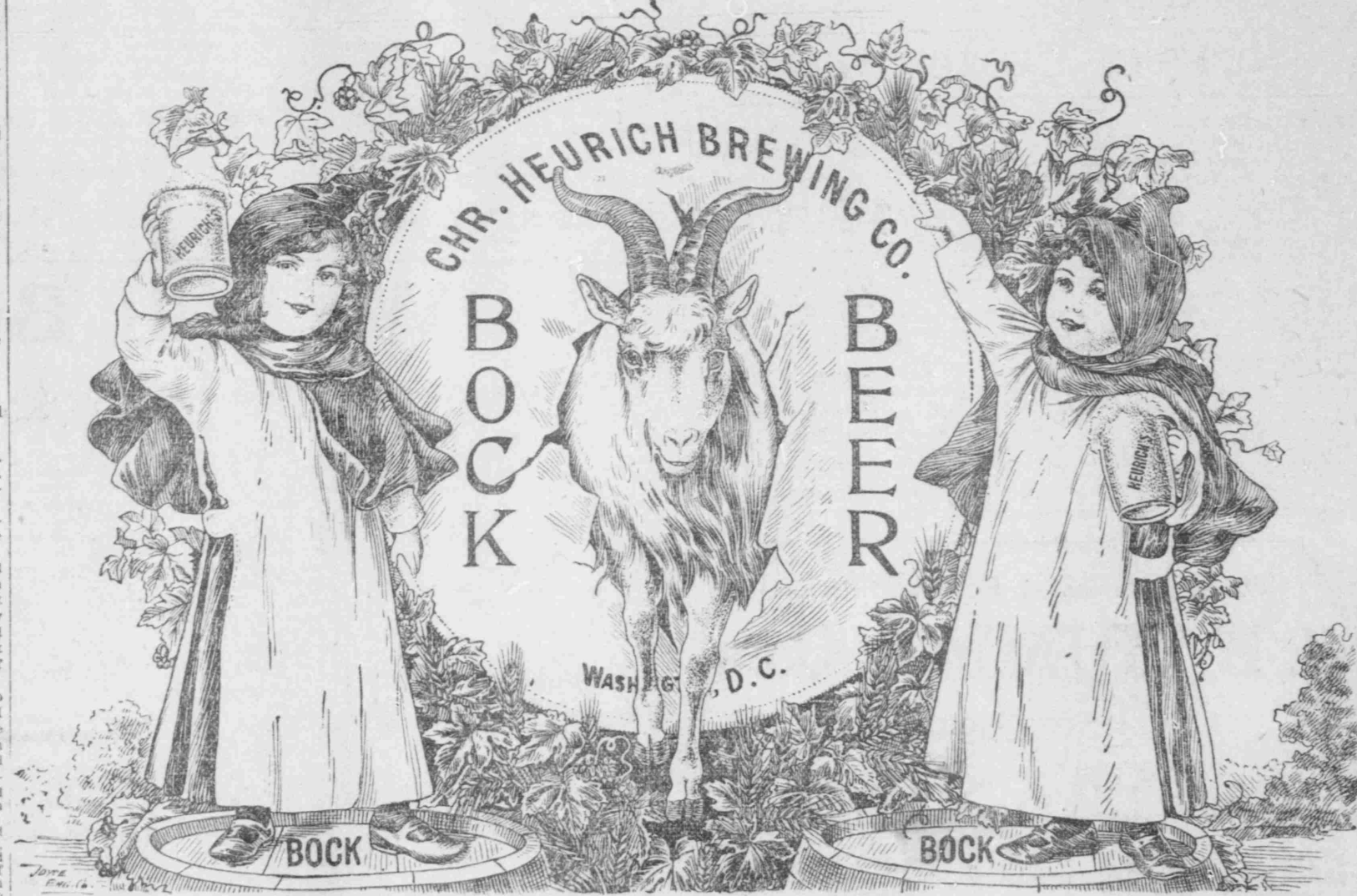
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